

How to download any stream only show on the archive.org live music archive

(Windows & Mac PC's)

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Live Music Archive:

<https://archive.org/details/etree>

Grateful Dead Soundboards:

[https://archive.org/search.php?query=collection:\(GratefulDead%20AND%20stream_only\)&sort=-date](https://archive.org/search.php?query=collection:(GratefulDead%20AND%20stream_only)&sort=-date)

A few other good sites to stream and download audio & video files:

<http://sugarmegs.org/>

<http://tela.sugarmegs.org/latestadditions.aspx>

<http://sugarmegs.org/mirrors.html>

<http://original.livestream.com/davidaron/folde>

Download and install VLC's media player software that's specific to your computer's operating system.
(The step above is optional as the VLC software is only used to play audio/video files on your PC and isn't used here other than for that purpose).

Free VLC Media Player 32bit Windows download:

http://filehippo.com/download_vlc_media_player/32/

Free VLC Media Player 64bit Windows download:

http://filehippo.com/download_vlc_media_player/64/

Free VLC Media Player Mac download:

http://filehippo.com/mac/download_vlc_media_player-for_mac/

Next, download the most up to date K-Lite Audio/Video Codecs for your computer (*Windows PCs Only*)

Free K-Lite Audio & Video Codecs Pack (Full) download:

http://filehippo.com/download_klite_codec_pack/

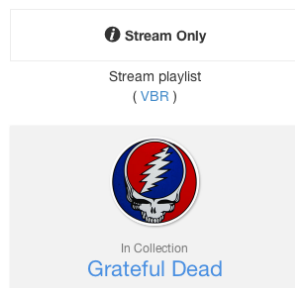
To install the K-Lite Audio/Video Codec files (*Windows PCs Only*), right click on the downloaded file and "*run as administrator*" (use the basic install settings when prompted unless you know what you're doing).

Now, reboot your computer after the last step is completed.

After a *full reboot*, go to the live music archive online and pick a "stream only" audio source you would like to download.

On the main page of the show you just selected you will see text that says "VBR", it will be highlighted about quarter way down the page on the right hand side, its under the words "*stream playlist*" (this is the unique M3U playlist file for this *specific* show) save this file by right clicking on the highlighted "VBR" text and choose to download it and save the file.

As shown in this example pic below:



After the M3U playlist file is successfully saved, you must download & install your PCs compatible text viewer program via one of the links I have provided below.

Free Mac Text Viewer Software:

http://filehippo.com/mac/download_growly_write/

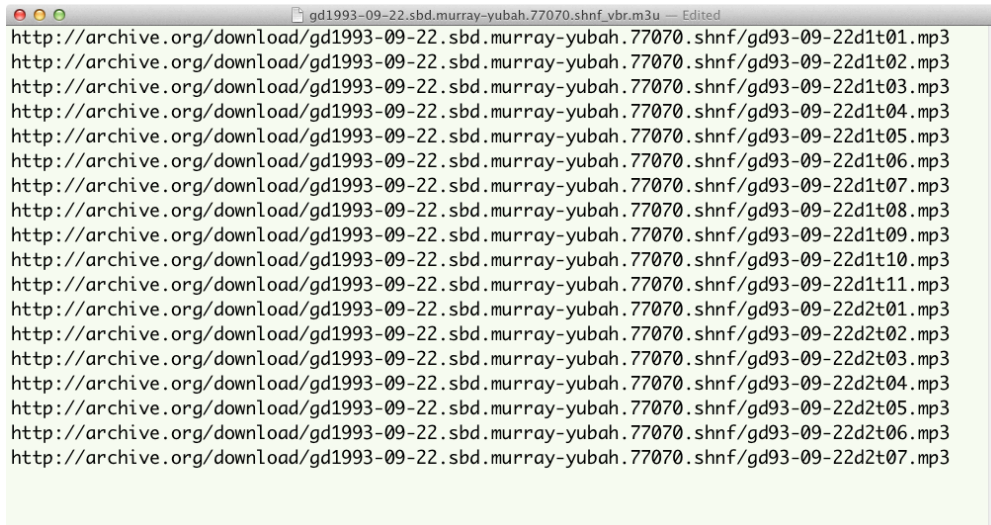
Free Windows Text Viewer Software:

http://filehippo.com/download_notepad/

Once that's installed, right click on the M3U playlist file that you saved in the last step, you will select the text viewing program you just installed to open the M3U file itself.

When you open the M3U playlist file via your new text app from the previous step.

It should look like the example pic below with each audio track having its own slightly different text link:



(Keep the M3U playlist file *OPEN* in your PC's background as you will soon use it to capture the audio source tracks for each file)

Now download and install a free web link audio/video capture program (sometimes referred to as a YouTube Audio/Video capture program), use the appropriate link for your PC below.

Free Audio/Video Capture Software for Mac:

<http://macx-youtube-downloader.mac-free-app.com/download.php>

Free Audio/Video Capture Software for Windows:

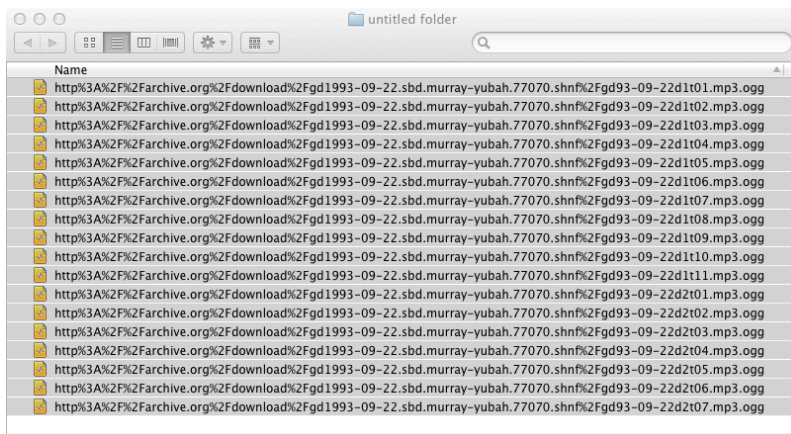
<https://youtubedownloader.com/downloaded/>

Now from the already opened M3U text file you will see each audio track listed, it looks like a list of website links. Then open the new audio/video capture software you just installed then *selecting no more than 4 audio tracks at one time* by right clicking then copying the 4 unique web links by highlighting them, you will then paste those 4 links into your audio/video capture program (select less than 4 files at once if your computer or web connection is slower or if your PC has a less than an average speed quad-core processor inside of it. This is because selecting to many files to capture at once could cause possible errors thus corrupting the sources audio files making them potentially useless).

But FIRST, go to the audio/video capture programs settings and select the best audio settings available (no MP3 or lossy formats if possible), if they have an audio setting that is "same as the host file" then that's fine to use as your going to convert all the audio files captured to a lossless audio format at the end. You should disable any of the programs video settings if you're able to as you won't be using those at all.

After all of the audio files are captured you will need to edit the names of each file as they can be very long.

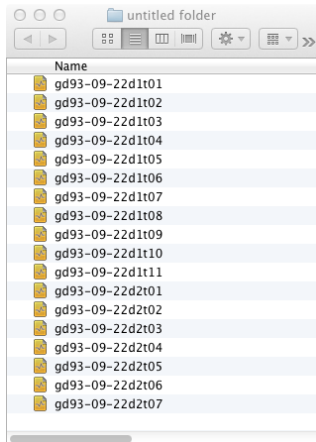
See the example pic of this below:



Simplify each of the sources file names then save your changes (the end of each file name sometimes has .ogg or something similar, just leave this alone as its the files extension format).

See the after edit example pic below:

(after edit example)



It should look close to the example pic shown above once you have edited the unnecessary clutter from the names of each of your audio files.

Important Tip: (d2t03 or something similar in a specific audio files name would translate to mean *disc2 track03*. So it's advised that you save those portions of each audio files name so that you can organize your music by disc and track numbers for each, this will greatly assist you in burning your CDs with the music files in the correct order, this will also assist whomever you share the audio files with)

Now create a new generic text file to save the important information particular to this show, like the band, the venue, the date, the audio lineage & the setlist for this show. All of the information you need is right on the archives webpage where you first downloaded the M3U playlist file.

(below is a pic of your shows archive.org webpage that you will use to create your own text file)



Grateful Dead Live at Madison Square Garden on 1993-09-22

by Grateful Dead

Published September 22, 1993 ([check for other copies](#))

Topics [Soundboard](#), [yubah](#)

Set 1

Help On The Way ->
Slipknot! ->
Franklin's Tower ->
New Minglewood Blues
Ramble On Rose
When I Paint My Masterpiece
Bird Song

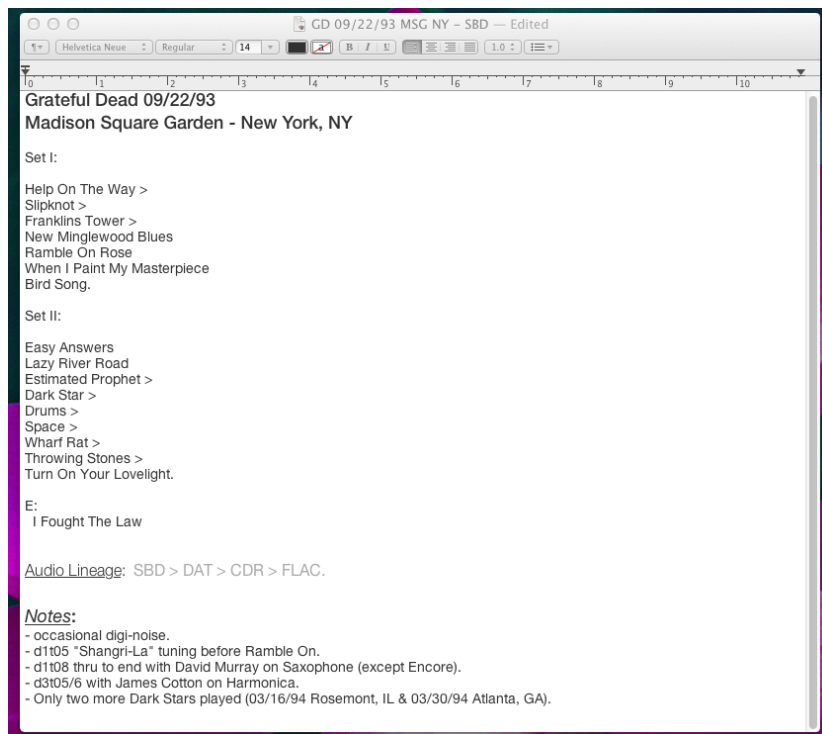
Set 2

Easy Answers
Lazy River Road
Estimated Prophet ->
Dark Star ->
Drums ->
Space ->
Wharf Rat ->
Throwing Stones ->
Turn On Your Lovelight

Encore

I Fought The Law

(your newly created text file, example pic below)



The final step is to convert each audio file into a lossless audio format (flac, shn, wav). The programs used to do this are mostly self explanatory so you should have a good idea of how to use them. Just make sure to change the programs audio settings to the best available prior to starting.

Never convert any type of music file to a compressed, lossy audio format!! (mp3, vorbis, etc)

Free Windows Audio Conversion Software:

<http://trader-s-little-helper.software.informer.com>

Free Mac Audio Conversion Software:

<https://www.movavi.com/audioconvertermac/download.html>

Some other useful resources you should read before attempting to use this guide:

FLAC (also called the *Free Lossless Audio Codec*) info:

<https://xiph.org/flac/>

FLAC Software:

<https://xiph.org/flac/download.html>

SHN (also called *Shorten*) info:

<http://www.etree.org/shncom.html>

SHN Software:

<http://www.etree.org/index.html>

WAV (also called *Waveform*) info:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WAV>

Compression Tools, FTP Clients & Audio Players:

<http://www.etree.org/software.html>

Whats the Difference Between Lossless Audio & Lossy Audio?

<http://www.bobulous.org.uk/misc/audioFormats.html>

http://www.bobulous.org.uk/misc/lossy_audio_2006.html

http://www.bobulous.org.uk/misc/lossless_audio_2006.html

Conversion Tools, File Downloading Guides, CDR Burning Tips & other similar tutorials and programs:

http://www.etree.org/faq_full.html

<http://www.etree.org/howto.html>

http://www.etree.org/faq_cdr.html

<http://www.etree.org/thebands.html>

Seeding Guidelines:

<http://wiki.etree.org/index.php?page=SeedingGuidelines>

Bands that Allow Live Recording:

<http://btat.wagnerone.com/search.php>

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